# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, After years of struggle, the people of Dakota Territory achieved statehood in 1889; and,

WHEREAS, President Benjamin Harrison signed the proclamations of statehood for both North Dakota and South Dakota at 3:40 p.m., November 2, 1989, saying "They were born together--they are one and I shall make them twins;" and,

WHEREAS, Since that first day of statehood, the people of South Dakota have demonstrated cooperation, perseverance, vision, wisdom, integrity and courage in meeting challenges and overcoming problems to make a prosperous state for each successive generation; and,

WHEREAS, The Centennial celebrations, heritage activities and lasting legacy projects in over 300 communities during 1989 honored the past as they created new motivations for building even better futures; and,

WHEREAS, The people of Watertown are sponsoring many special activities on November 2, 1989, to celebrate statehood and honor the memory of Arthur C. Mellette, South Dakota's first Governor; and,

WHEREAS, The milestone of being a state for 100 years is a significant accomplishment for all the people who have lived in South Dakota during its first century:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2, 1989, as

**STATEHOOD DAY**

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE